

## C H A P. XX.

A Further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the establishment of select vestries.

Passed December 30.

**W**HEREAS doubts have arisen, whether any vestry, under the original act to which this is a supplement, can employ more than one clergyman or minister within the limits of a single parish, and it appearing, from the increase of population, that it is impossible for one clergyman or minister in some of the parishes in this state to perform all the duties appertaining to that office; therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the vestrymen of any parish, or the major part of them, shall have full power and authority to employ such number of clergymen and clerks to officiate in their respective churches and chapels as may, in their discretion, be deemed necessary to perform the ministerial functions in such parish or parishes, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Vestry may employ clergymen, &c.

## C H A P. XXI.

An ACT to prevent the exportation of flour, not merchantable, and unsound salted provisions, from the port of Havre-de-Grace.

Passed December 30.

**W**HEREAS the town of Havre-de-Grace, by several acts of congress, has been erected into a port of entry and delivery, and regulations are necessary to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable flour, and damaged provisions; therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of the town of Havre-de-Grace, or the major part of them, shall meet at some convenient place in said port between the first and twentieth day of July next, and between the first and twentieth day of July yearly and every year thereafter, during the continuance of this act, and then and there nominate and appoint a person of good repute, and skilled in the goodness and quality of flour, to be inspector of flour within the port for the year ensuing.

Commissioners to meet, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That every commissioner of said town who shall vote for said officer, shall take the following oath, or affirmation if a quaker, before he shall proceed to the nomination and appointment of the said officer: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will faithfully, honestly and impartially, nominate and appoint such person to be inspector of flour within the port of Havre-de-Grace as I think in my judgment and conscience is fit and capable of executing the said office;" and in case of the death, refusal, or the neglect to act of such officer so appointed, the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall, as soon as may be thereafter, meet together and appoint one other such person as aforesaid, in the stead of the person so dead, refusing or neglect, to act for the residue of the year; and if the said commissioners shall neglect and omit to nominate and appoint the said officer as aforesaid, then the governor and council may appoint such officer, who shall be qualified agreeably to the directions of this act, and have the like power and authority as if he had been nominated and appointed by the said commissioners.

And take an oath, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That every inspector of flour who shall be nominated and appointed as aforesaid, shall, before his executing any of the duties of said office, take the oath, or make the affirmation if a quaker, before a justice of the peace of Harford county, which is prescribed to be taken and made by every inspector of flour in and by the sixteenth section of the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of bread and flour not merchantable, and for other purposes, and also the oaths to government which are prescribed by the constitution; and the said inspector of the port of Havre-de-Grace shall have the same allowance for the inspection of flour as by the said act is appointed and provided.

Inspector to take an oath, &c.

V. And